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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Levredge-Smithers House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Bohemia Avenue, east side, 4th building south of Second Street

CITY, TOWN

Chesapeake City

— VICINITY OF

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

—UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

—YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE

—COMMERCIAL

—EDUCATIONAL

—ENTERTAINMENT

—GOVERNMENT

—INDUSTRIAL

—MILITARY

—MUSEUM

—PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—RELIGIOUS

—SCIENTIFIC

—TRANSPORTATION

—OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Ralph L. & Ella M. Levredge

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

North East

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21901

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, Cecil County Courthouse
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: WAS No. 76

Folio #: 312

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Building

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland 21921

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Levredge-Smithers house is a handsome two story frame structure, three bays wide and one deep with three additions to the east, two, two, and one story in height. It is constructed upon a stone foundation and the walls are covered with ersatz brick. The entrance with three pane transom is located on the north side of the west facade. Beside it are two long 1/1 sash windows reaching nearly to the floor. These windows are longer than originally and bear a plain trim, whereas, the window trim above is original, like the Smithers house. The sashes have also been reworked for 1/1 sash. The roof is covered with grey asphalt shingles and the box cornice contains the gutter. On the south side of the apex of the roof is a brick chimney partially stuccoed. The cornice and barge boards appear to be original.

A porch across the facade is very plain, however, its south post appears original with brackets and trim removed. Against the building is a scrolled bracket, the only one remaining from the former Italianate porch facia. It still possesses a wood floor.

There is a leanto on the north side of the wings, partially enclosed.

The building was originally covered with wood weatherboard, the sash were 6/6 as indicated above and there were paneled and louvered shutters on the first and second storys respectively. The porch had brackets around the facia as seen adjacent the house and there was probably a balustrade of pierced splats.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Levredge-Smithers House is important as an example of residential building of the 1840's or early 1850's. It's influence is chiefly the vernacular although, the scrolled cornice of the porch would indicate a touch of the Italianate style.

About 1848, Sarah Beaston had this house built and she and her heirs lived here for twenty years. Thomas Cleaver, Canal Superintendent, bought the house for \$1,000.00 in 1866 and lived here until he moved into the larger house on the southeast corner of Bohemia Avenue and Third Street. John Smithers and Emiline, his wife, lived here from 1869 until 1878 when John M Reed bought the property.

Mr. Reed was a well known storekeeper in Chesapeake City, having his business in the neat white building at the southwest corner of Bohemia Avenue and Front Street, where he served townspeople and Canal people alike.

Before the 1920's this house was rented as a Methodist Parsonage, then the Peaper family came into ownership. Mr. William Peaper was an engineer on the Wilson Line Steamer.

The house has significance as the home of Canal men in the nineteenth century.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael Bourne & Katherine Wein

April 20, 1976

ORGANIZATION

DATE

South Chesapeake City Historic District Commission

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Chesapeake City

Maryland 21915

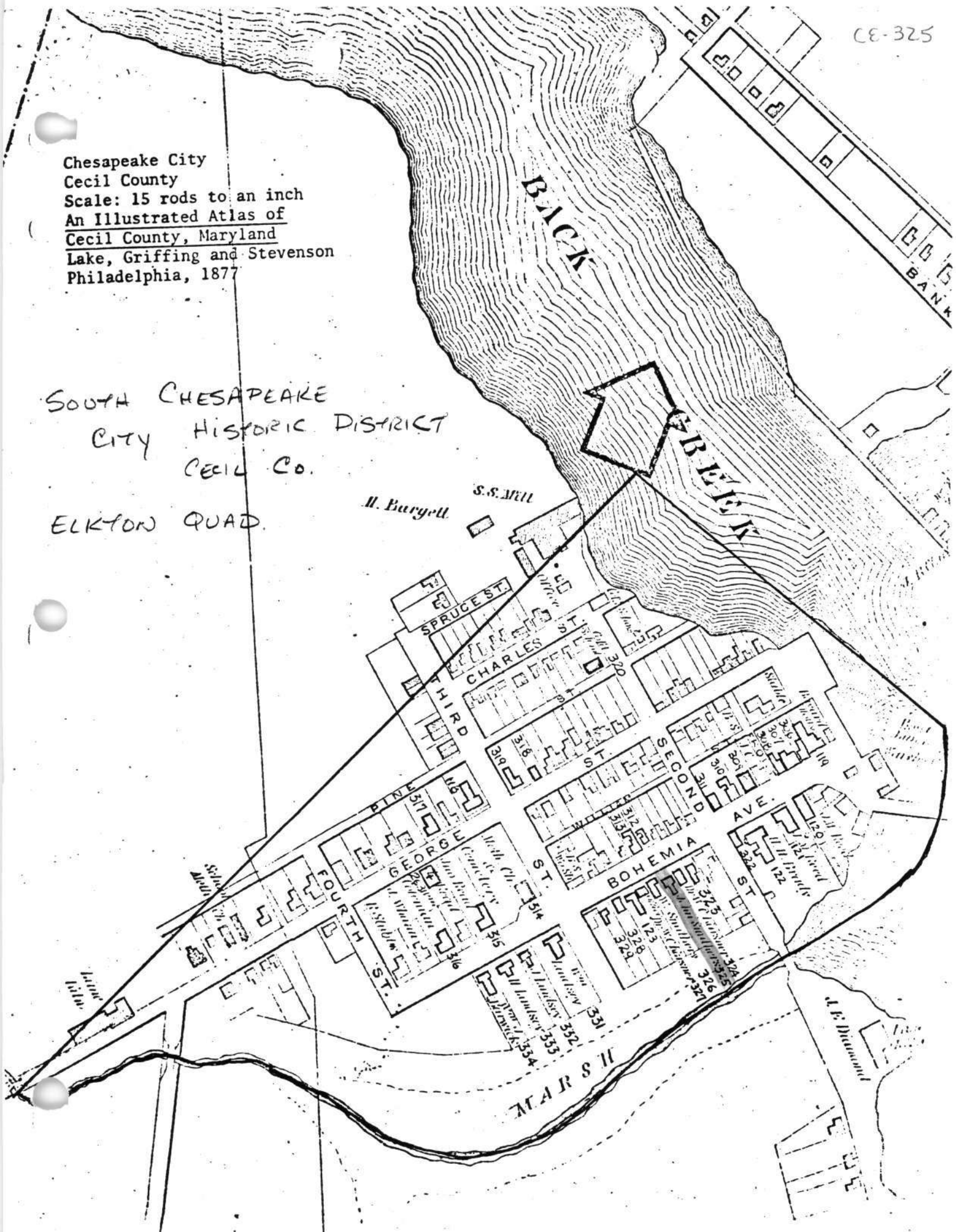
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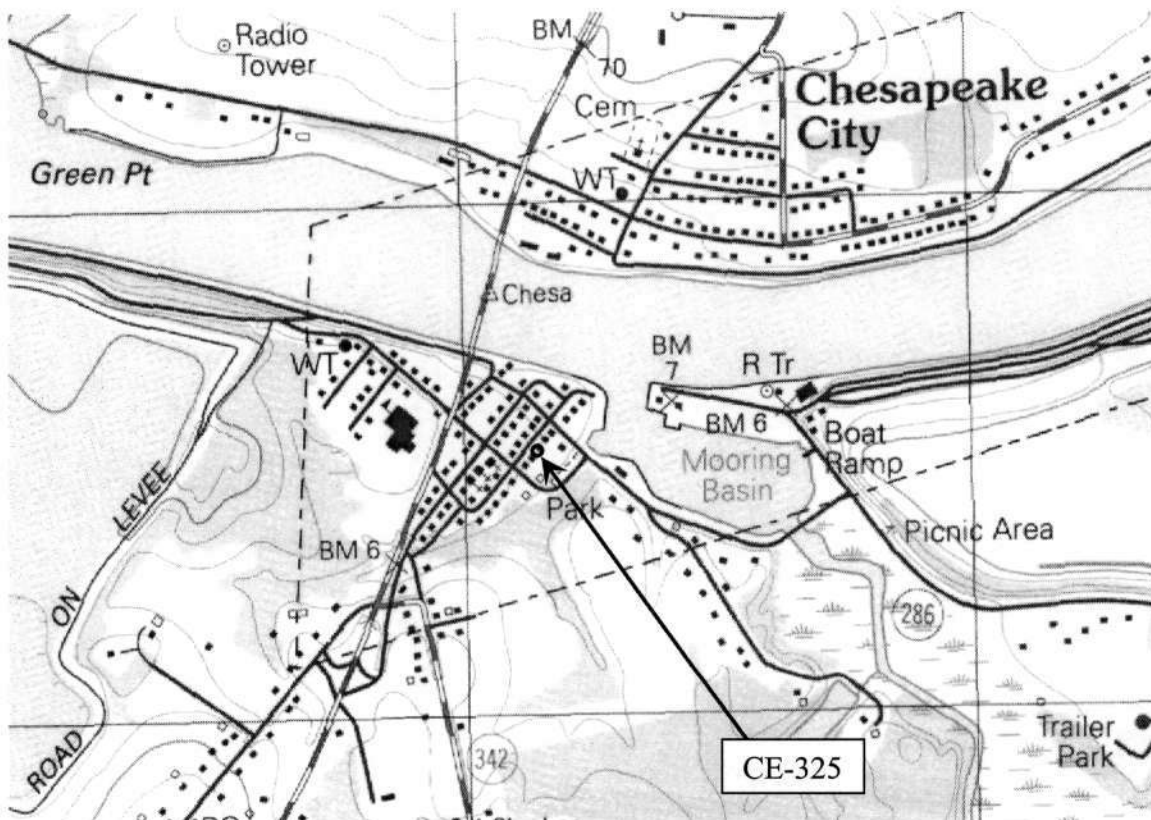
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Chesapeake City
Cecil County
Scale: 15 rods to an inch
An Illustrated Atlas of
Cecil County, Maryland
Lake, Griffing and Stevenson
Philadelphia, 1877

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Levredge - Smithers house SE 7/13



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West facade

M. Bowyer April 1976